New pipeline

1088. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay the new pipe line in Maharashtra, Andhra, Karnataka on the pattern of HBJ pipe line;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of fertilizer plants which are likely to come up in Mara thwada, Vidarbha and other parts of Sourthem states; and

(d) by when it is likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANIKARANAND): (a) to (d) The question of setting up a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group-Crude production

1089. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: "Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import crude oil worth Rs. 2,500 crores at the current international prices for the current year;

(b) what is the quantity of crude oil that is produced in our country; and

(c) whether Government are consider ing any proposals for stepping up produc tion of crude oil within the country instead of spending huge amount of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) During current financial year (1991-92) the total import of crude oil is estimated to be around 23.7 million tonnes Yalued at around Rs. (7,500 crores if the current prices continue in the remaining part of the financial year.

(b) The revised target of crude oil production including NGL for the current year is 31.8 million tonnes.

(c) Government have sanctioned five major oil field development projects of ONGC, *viz.,* projects for the development of the Neelam, Mukta and Panna (fields in the Western Offshore and projects for the additional development of the L II and L JJI reservoirs in the Bombay field.

इलाहाबाद में रसोई गैस की प्रतीक्षा सूची

1090. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 जनवरी, 1992 को इलाहाबाद शहर और इलाहाबाद जिले में रसोई गैस के कनेक्शन हेतु प्रतीक्षा सूची में आवेदकों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ख) इन सभी आवेदकों को किस समय तक गैस कनेक्शन प्रदान किये जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री वी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) यद्यपि शहर के अनुसार सूचियां रखी नहीं जाती हैं, इलाहाबाद जिले के लिए तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा उपलब्ध प्रतिक्षा सूची में 31-1-92 तक लगभग 63,000 व्यक्ति हैं ।

(ख) जितने भी आवेदक हैं सभी को यथाशीघ्र एल० पी० जी० कनेक्शन देने का प्रयास निरंतर किया जा रहा है ।

Loan for development of oil/gas production

1091. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wnether it is a fact that the Asian (Development Bank hag recently approv-